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26/27 Mitigation Proposal

The Shire is proposing targeted vegetation management works to reduce bushfire risk and improve protection for the Darkan community, surrounding properties, and key infrastructure.

These works are being undertaken to:

- Reduce accumulated fuel loads (grass, scrub and understory vegetation)
- Decrease fire intensity and rate of spread in the event of a bushfire
- Establish and maintain a Hazard Separation Zone between bushland and residential areas
- Improve safe access for firefighting appliances and emergency response

The proposed works may include:

- Slashing of long grass and surface fuels
- Selective vegetation removal (mulching / thinning of understory)
- Maintenance of existing firebreaks and access tracks
- Removal of dead vegetation and ladder fuels
- Hazard Reduction Burning

Works will be undertaken in a targeted and controlled manner to balance bushfire risk reduction with environmental considerations.

The Shire will ensure:

- Minimal impact to native vegetation where possible
- Consideration of environmental and heritage values
- Compliance with all relevant approvals and guidelines

Works are designed to achieve a balance between bushfire risk reduction and environmental protection. Treatments will be undertaken in a targeted manner, focusing on reducing hazardous fuel loads while retaining significant vegetation where appropriate.

Environmental and heritage values will be considered during planning and implementation, and all works will be carried out in accordance with relevant approvals, guidelines, and best practice vegetation management standards.

Community Consultation:

The Shire encourages community members to engage with this process and provide feedback to help inform the final scope and delivery of these works.

Residents are encouraged to provide comments, raise concerns, or seek further information prior to works commencing.

Consultation period: 1st April to 31st May 2026

Feedback can be provided via:

- Email: shire@westarthur.wa.gov.au

Timeline:

- Mitigation Funding Application submitted 29th March 2026.
- Community consultation: 1st April to 31st May 2026

Outcome of Funding Application

- Shire of West Arthur to finalise scope of works: June-July 2026
- Commencement of works - TBC

Proposed: Hazard Reduction Burn

Low-intensity, mosaic style burn to reduce ground fuels.

Proposed: Mechanical Works

Remove dead ground fuels and understory vegetation from creek line and bush, reducing overall fuel loads and establishing a managed low-fuel area that limits fire intensity





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Proposed: Existing Fire Track Maintenance